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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on May 11, 2004.

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-6) drawn to a retaining wall block. It is noted that in the Request for Divisional Application filing of August 22, 2003, original claims 7-32 were cancelled. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 1-6 are currently pending.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested. The Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney at 612.371.5340 with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



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